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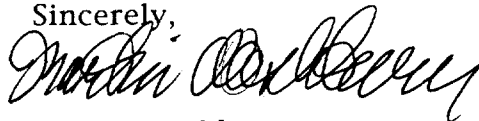
Jane Henney, Commissioner  
Food & Drug Administration  
5600 Fisher Lane, Room 1471  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the fact that we Americans are not being given a choice about whether or not we eat genetically altered foods, even though FDA scientists have stated that risks for dangerous allergens and toxins are built into the new foods. PLEASE change course and ensure stronger safety testing and mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered foods, issues at the core of the lawsuit Alliance for Bio-Integrity v. Shalala, Docket # 98-1300 (CKK).

Please exercise your influence and authority to protect my family.

Sincerely,



Martin Washburn

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These are not  
foods to give a  
family with  
allergy  
problems!!

# PARTIAL LIST OF BIOTECH FOODS

This is a list of processed foods that tested positive for genetically engineered ingredients (September 1999). These tests were not "safety" tests; they were only to establish the presence of unlabeled genetically engineered ingredients.

- Frito-Lay Fritos Corn Chips
- Bravos Tortilla Chips
- Kellogg's Corn Flakes
- General Mills Total Corn Flakes Cereal
- Post Blueberry Morning Cereal
- Heinz 2 Baby Cereal
- Entamil ProSobee Soy Formula
- Similac Isomil Soy Formula
- Nestle Carnation Al soy Infant Formula
- Quaker Chewy Granola Bars
- Nabisco Snackwell's Granola Bars
- Ball Park Franks
- Duncan Hines Cake Mix
- Quick Loaf Bread Mix
- Ultra Slim Fast
- Quaker Yellow Corn Meal
- Light Life Gimme Lean
- Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix
- Alpo Dry Pet Food
- Gardenburger
- Boca Burger, Chef Max's Favorite
- Morning Star Farms Better'n Burgers
- Green Giant Harvest Burgers (now called Morningstar Farms)
- McDonald's McVeggie Burgers
- Ovaltine Malt Powdered Beverage Mix
- Betty Crocker Bac-0s Bacon Flavor Bits
- Old El Paso Taco Shells
- Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

Sources: Genetic ID (an independent testing firm) and Consumer Reports (September 1999).

By December 1998, the U.S. government had approved the commercial sale of genetically engineered varieties of the following whole foods. No labeling or long-term safety tests were required. (According to *The New York Times*, about half of all soybeans and a third of all corn planted this year in the U.S. were genetically engineered.)

- Canola (oilseed rape)
- Chicory, red hearted
- Cotton
- Paper
- Potato
- Soybean
- Squash
- Tomato

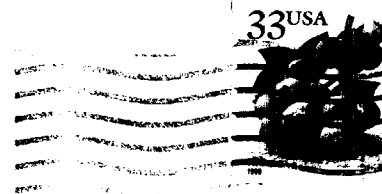
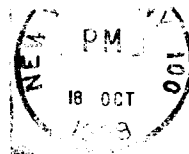
Source: Union of Concerned Scientists

A high percentage of the following ingredients have been made from genetically engineered plants, and are commonly found in processed foods.

- Soy flour
- Soybean oil
- Lecithin
- Soy protein isolates and concentrates
- Corn starch
- Corn oil
- Corn sweeteners & syrups
- Cottonseed oil
- Canola oil

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